(h) The lay out plan of the grounds is being sent to the University Commission for their approval.

(i) A plan will be placed on the table.

The plan is not a copy of any of the existing hostels. It represents a combination of the good points of several of the existing hostels and an elimination of many of the bad points in them.

Arecanut market at Ottupara.

168. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there is not an arecanut market at Ottupara near Vadakkancheri conducted by one Mr. Muhamed;

(b) how long he has been conducting that business;

(c) what does the Government get from him and on what conditions is he conducting the market ;

(d) what is the approximate extent of the value of the arecanut that is sold in this market annually ;

(e) whether anyone else is now allowed to carry on the same business in Vadakkancheri or near about on the same day as Mr. Muhamed is allowed to do ;

(f) whether anyone or more persons had been allowed to do the same business on the same day during the last 10 years ;

(g) if the answer to sub-division (e) is in the negative the reason why sanction is withheld ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes.

(b) Since 1063 ; i. e., nearly 43 years.

(c) An annual license fee of Rs. 100. He is allowed to hold the market weekly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

(d) Not known.

(e) No.

(f) Yes. Some eight years back.

(g) In accordance with the wholesome rule that when markets were held in the same place or in the near vicinity of each other different days should be allotted to each to avoid clash of interests.

Diversion of the Chalakkudi river.

169. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage the diversion of the Chalakkudi River now stands ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Chalakkudi River Diversion Scheme is meant to irrigate Virippu and Mundakan lands in the Mukundapuram Taluk and also for supplying water to the kole lands.

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